

Champagne J-M Sélèque

Solessence



Jean-Marc Sélèque farms 7.5 hectares of vineyards across a number of villages, most of them located close to his base in Pierry, following the principles of sustainability that are pretty common today among all top, quality-minded growers...Sélèque's style emphasizes depth and richness, so the wines are likely to appeal most to readers who like bold, vinous wines.

–Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media, November 2015

“Solessence” Brut NV

The wine offers up a fine bouquet of apple, white peach, brioche, a touch of almond, chalky soil tones and a top note of dried flowers. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and youthfully complex, with a superb core of fruit, lovely mineral drive, elegant mousse and a long, brisk and focused finish. This is still a young wine, but it is beautifully made and will offer more generosity on the palate with another few months in the bottle. It should age very nicely indeed. Disgorged March 2016.

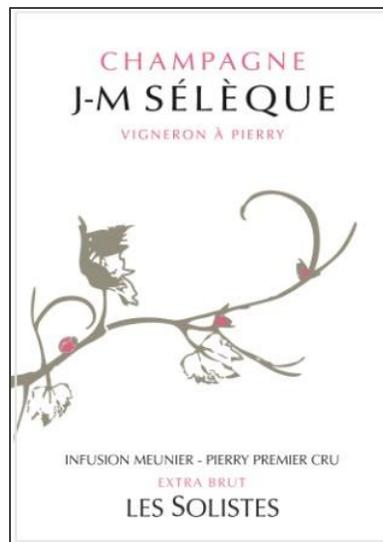
91 points– John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016

“Solessence” Brut Rosé NV

As I mentioned last year, Monsieur Sélèque produces this beautiful, deep salmon color through a combination of some skin contact and a bit of still red wine added (both meunier and pinot noir). The new release is stellar and a superb follow-up to last year's version, wafting from the glass in a complex blend of cherries, a touch of blood orange, lovely smokiness, pomegranate, chalky soil tones, discreet spice tones and a topnote of dried rose petals. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and focused, with a good core, very elegant mousse, good balance and grip and very good length on the finish. Last year's version, based on the superior 2012 vintage, was just a touch longer on the backend, but this is once again a very well made and delicious bottle of non-vintage Brut Rosé. Disgorged June 2015.

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Champagne J-M Sélèque Les Solistes Extra Brut Rosé



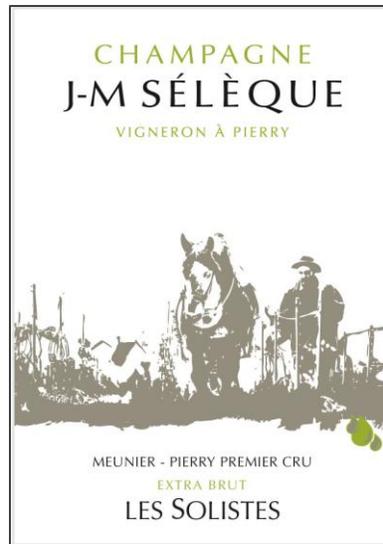
“Les Solistes” NV Infusion Meunier Extra Brut Rosé

The les Solistes bottling of Extra Brut Rosé from Jean-Marc Sélèque is comprised entirely of pinot meunier, all from the vineyard of les Charmiers in the village of Pierry, with the vines having been planted in 1964 and 1967. Monsieur Sélèque allows forty-eight hours of skin contact to give this wine its color, with the vins clairs barrel-fermented (but not going through malo) and finished off with a dosage of three grams per liter. The current release is base year 2011 and the wine spent three years aging sur latte prior to disgorgement. The color is fairly deep salmon and the nose is vibrant, complex and classy, jumping from the glass in a mix of blood orange, cherry skin, rye bread, superb minerality, a dollop of clove and a gently smoky top note. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, crisp and beautifully balanced, with a superb core, elegant mousse, fine focus and grip and a long, complex finish. This is lovely out of the blocks, but will clearly blossom with further bottle age. High class Rosé. Disgorged March 2015.

92 points— John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016

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Les Solistes Extra Brut



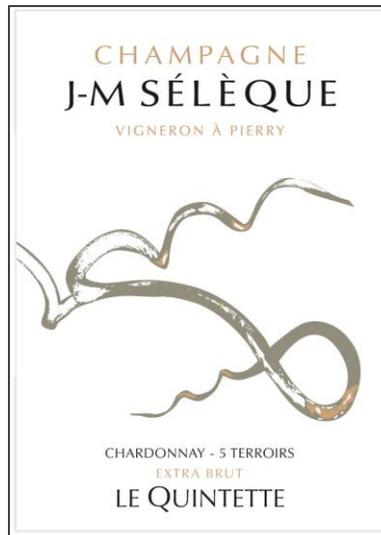
“Les Solistes” Meunier Extra Brut

Jean-Marc Sélèque’s bottling “les Solistes” is comprised entirely of pinot meunier grown in the vineyard of Let Gouttes D’Or in Pierry, which Monsieur Sélèque plows by horse. The current release is from the base year of 2012, with half of the vins clairs barrel-fermented and the other half fermented in cement eggs. The finishing dosage is two grams per liter and the wine jumps from the glass in a complex and vibrant blend of apple, white peach, lovely minerality, plenty of meunier floral tones, brioche and a touch of fresh almond in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and beautifully light on its feet, with a fine core, frothy mousse and fine focus and grip on the long, poised and complex finish. This is a lovely bottle that seems perfectly balanced at its very low dosage level. Disgorged March 2016.

92 points– John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016

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Le Quintette Blanc de Blancs



“Le Quintette” Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut NV

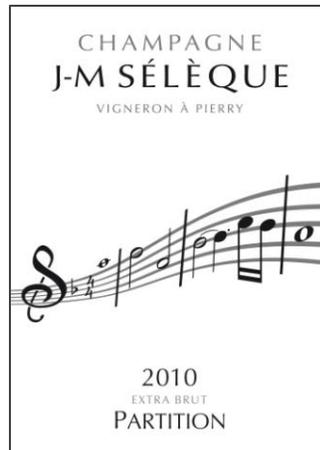
The current release is base year 2012 and offers up a superb bouquet of pear, white peach, fresh almond, brioche, chalky soil nuances and a gentle smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is full bodied, crisp and very pure, with a rock solid core, excellent mineral drive, elegant mousse and a very long, exquisitely balanced and complex finish. This spent around three years aging sur latte, and within this time frame, it is hard to get this kind of seamless integration on the palate with only two grams per liter of dosage, unless the grapes were admirably ripe to begin with. A superb bottle. Disgorged January 2016.

92 points— John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016

This is one of the stars of the excellent Sélèque range and is packed with lime and lemon blossom as well as freshly squeezed citrus juice; the purity is staggering. On the palate it sails out super long, fine and deep with laser-like precision. It shows thrilling acid drive and is powerful and long. A great wine. Packed with lime citrus flavor, and the acidity is in the wow factor zone. An elemental beauty! Drink now to 2025; this will age nicely.

96 points— Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com, October 2016

Champagne J-M Sélèque Partition Extra Brut 2010



Cuvée Partition Extra Brut 2010

The wine is simply outstanding aromatically, offering up a refined constellation of pear, apple blossoms, complex chalky soil tones, a touch of almond paste and brioche. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and nascently complex, with a lovely core, frothy mousse, bright acids and lovely backend minerality on the long and very well-balanced finish. This is still a young wine and I would tuck it away in the cellar for another three or four years and let it start to show some of its secondary layers of complexity and relax a bit more structurally. It will be a superb bottle. Disgorged June 2015.

93 points– John Gilman, View from the Cellar #65, September-October 2016

Complex deep apples and pears with lemon and melon fruits get things going on the nose. Very, very much about chardonnay. it's gently spicy and has some chalky, oyster-shell notes set amid delicious ripe fruits. The palate has a fleshy citrus and grapefruit edge. Tangy, long noble tannins hold the finish in place. Nutty, even, balanced and driven.

94 points– Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com, October 2016

The following has also reviewed this wine:

92 points– Allen Meadows, Burghound #64, 4th Quarter 2016